

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 19-35, 49, 66, and 67 were rejected and claims 1-18, 36-48, and 50-65 were allowed. The Applicant respectfully thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. By the present Response, claims 19, 49, 66, and 67 are amended. Upon entry of the amendments, claims 1-67 will remain pending in the present patent application. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

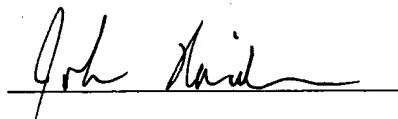
The Examiner rejected claims 19-35, 49, 66, and 67 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In particular, the Examiner rejected independent claim 19 as lacking sufficient antecedent basis with regard to the “dominant orientation” and the “homogenization”. Claim 19 has been amended to address the Examiner’s remarks. Likewise, claims 49, 66, and 67 each contain a clerical error in the preamble. Claims 49, 66, and 67 have been amended to address this clerical error. None of these amendments narrows the scope of the claims as originally presented. Indeed, independent claim 19 is believed to be broader as amended. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims as amended is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the remarks and amendments set forth above, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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